

Docket No.: 0365-0624PUS1  
(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Hannu Mikkonen et al.

Application No.: 10/528,993

Confirmation No.: 6390

Filed: March 24, 2005

Art Unit: 1623

For: POLYMER SOLUTION AND DISPERSION  
AND A PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION  
THEREOF

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Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.181 TO RESET REPLY PERIOD – MPEP §710.06**

MS PCT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**BACKGROUND**

A first Office Action on the merits, dated March 24, 2008, in this Application set a three month shortened statutory reply period.

Unfortunately, through no fault of Applicants', this Office Action was not received in the Office of Applicants undersigned representative until May 8, 2008, which is forty-five (45) days after the date of mailing that appears on the PTOL-90A sent with the Office Action.

Normal mail delivery time from the USPTO to this Office is about one day. However, because of the delay in the delivery of this Office Action to this Office, Applicant has been deprived of approximately forty-four (44) days of the shortened statutory reply period in which to prepare and file an appropriate reply to the outstanding Office Action.

Applicants, who in Europe, respectfully submit that they need this time to consider the merits of the Office Action and take appropriate action to prepare and filed a suitable Reply thereto.

MPEP §710.06 indicates that petitions to reset the period for reply to an Office Action that is delayed in the mails are to be filed with the Group Director and, for this reason, Applicants are filing this petition with the Group Director under 37 CFR §1.181, which does not require a petition fee.

#### RELIEF REQUESTED

Under the circumstances, Applicants respectfully request that the time for reply to this Office Action be reset to expire forty-four (44) days from the date appearing on the face of the Office Action, i.e., be reset to expire on August 7, 2008.

Applicants' undersigned representative hereby certifies that the information which serves as the basis for this petition is located in the docket records of this Office and the undersigned has been informed by the Docket Clerk, that those docket records clearly indicate that the aforementioned Office Action was not received in this Office until May 8, 2008.

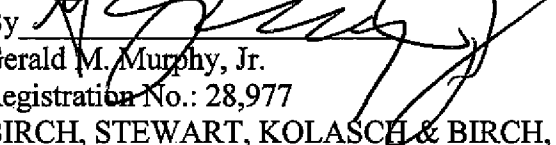
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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